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Projects for Drinking Water and Sanitation
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any ongoing/proposed projects to improve drinking water availability and improve sanitation facilities for tribal and backward areas in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise;
(c) the funds sanctioned/allocated to various tribal areas in the country including Kerala; and
(d) the current status of drinking water availability and sanitation standards in the tribal belts in various States across the country, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b) Under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) the Ministry provides financial and technical assistance to States to strengthen rural drinking water supply in the country. Under NRDWP, Ministry does not release scheme / project wise funds to the States / UTs. The funds under the programme are allocated to the States / UTs on the basis of a pre-approved criteria. At the Central level, 22% and 10% of NRDWP funds are earmarked for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) Sub-Plan to be utilised for provision of drinking water supply to Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) concentrated habitations. The States fix their targets in accordance with the Annual Action Plan. The States have the powers to select, approve and implement the drinking water supply projects. The details of the funds earmarked / released under SC and ST Sub-Plan during the current financial year 2015-16 are at Annexure-I.
The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM-G) has been launched on 2nd October, 2014, which aims at attaining Swachh Bharat by 2nd October 2019. Under SBM(G), projects are sanctioned district-wise. Currently total 639 district sanitation projects including 147 in Tribal dominated areas have been sanctioned and under implementation. State/UT-wise details is at Annexure II.

(c) The details of funds sanctioned / allocated to various tribal areas in the country including Kerala under NRDWP and SBM are at Anneuxre - I & III respectively.

(d) The State/UT-wise status (as on 30.11.2015) of drinking water availability and sanitation standards in terms of habitations in the tribal belts in various States across the country are at Annexure-IV & V respectively.